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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION EAST VALENCIA ROAD AND SOUTH COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

A pedestrian involved in a serious motor vehicle collision, which occurred on the morning of January 7, 2013, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on the late afternoon of January 10, 2013. The pedestrian has been identified as **21-year old Oscar Rodriguez**. Next of kin have been notified.

At approximately 10:11 a.m. on January 7, 2013, Mr. Rodriguez was crossing east Valencia Road in a northbound direction. He was in the crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection with South Country Club Road. Initially, the traffic signal light was red for east and westbound traffic on east Valencia Road. However, while he was crossing the roadway, the traffic signal light cycled from red to green. At the time, Mr. Rodriguez was in the eastbound lanes of east Valencia Road. Vehicles that had been accelerating through the intersection in both the median and middle of the three traffic lanes saw Mr. Rodriguez and stopped for him. The driver of a 2007 Chevrolet Uplander Van had also been accelerating through the intersection in the eastbound curb lane when he struck Mr. Rodriguez as he stepped out from behind a high profile vehicle that was stopped in the middle lane. The driver of the van remained at the scene and participated with the investigation. Traffic Investigations Unit detectives responded to assist with the investigation, collecting and examining roadway evidence as well as interviewing witnesses at the scene. No citations have been issued.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 2

0 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
1 Motorcycle

For 2013 -1

1 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
0 Motorcycle

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